

NEWSLETTER

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ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gather on. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kaurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs.

Dear Members of our St Mary's Memorial School Community,

Welcome back for Term 4!

Welcome back to Term 4. We trust you have enjoyed the last few weeks with your children and have had opportunities to build some memories together.

This term is going to go extremely quickly with only 9 weeks until the end of the school year! This is the time of the year where we get to harvest the fruits of the relationships that have been formed over the year as we enjoy many of the special events that happen. It is also time to celebrate and reflect on all that has been done and achieved. It is a time to look back on how far each student has come in their learning and in their development as a young people.

Many events in the school calendar, have been planned and with very minimal external restrictions placed on schools, we look forward to sharing them with families from our school community...Sports Day, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, whole school liturgical celebrations, camps, end of year assemblies, meeting next year's teacher etc! Among all of that is plenty of time in the class to help our children reach their learning, social and emotional goals.

Term 4 brings the finer weather so please ensure that students are in full summer uniform by the beginning of Week 3. A school hat is required for playtimes, excursions and other outside activities. A reminder that our expectation is that all students are in full uniform, with no extreme hairstyles, nail polish or jewellery (other than watches and stud earrings). We thank you for your support in this area, especially coming back after holidays when the rules may have been a bit different at home.

I am aware that some parents already have their eye on what could possibly transpire in the new school yearto those individuals, I sayslow down! Let's finish 2022 well; let's stay focused on completing this school year; right up to and including Week 9! We will begin to look at class teacher placements and class lists for 2023 after week 6 or 7. Class teachers will have second semester reports to write this term, as well as their everyday teaching and learning, and assessment commitments. Please direct questions and/or concerns regarding 2023 to me via email.

During the term break, I have had the opportunity to reflect on the resilience of the St Mary's Memorial School community this year. The strength of the students, staff, families and the School Board has been quite apparent to me. St Mary's Memorial is a school that welcomes students from several diversities and communities. This cross section of diversity provides for a rich and welcoming environment within our school.

We encourage our students to fully support our model of inclusion and welcoming. Our school values include inclusiveness and respect. By this we mean that as a school community we accept and welcome that diversity is an integral part of our lives in Australian society, and we honour this acceptance by treating all members of our community in respectful, inclusive and equitable ways. These are values we strongly role model as part of our school and hope that as part of our school community families respect and support these rights afforded to all. I have witnessed over and over again, not only this strength, but the kindness, thoughtfulness and adaptability of all in the St Mary's Memorial community. My hope as we begin Term 4, is that we will continue to work collaboratively and enjoy the final term of the year together, and that we all stay safe and well.

SPORTS DAY 2022

Reception to Year 6 **SPORTS DAY** has been scheduled for **Friday 4th November** (Week 3) at the Bowker Street Oval, North Brighton. Traditionally, our school Sports Day is held at the SA Athletics Stadium (Mile End); however, due to extensive redevelopment works, the venue is unavailable this year.

Weather permitting, all students are expected to be at the oval for a prompt **9:00 am** start. We anticipate the day will conclude at approximately **1:30 pm** when all students will be dismissed for the day. Therefore, it is imperative that parents make the necessary arrangements to ensure that children are collected from the venue by 1:45 pm.

Sports Day is conducted on a participation basis with all students encouraged to take part in all events.

Although the main emphasis is on enjoyment, improving personal performances, skill development, fitness and participation by all, the students will compete in a House competition. All students will contribute team points to their House for some of the events in which they participate.

Team t-shirts will make it easier for people watching to see how their child's team is doing on the day; as well as, giving students a sense of solidarity as a unified team!

All students must wear their **school hat** throughout the daywe had tears in the past when some of the younger students couldn't find their hat at the stadium before the start of the day!

All students must bring their own drinks and substantial recess/snack food (because they will have a late lunch). Each Year Level will have scheduled breaks throughout the day. Please do not supply students with food during the changeover of sporting activities (that is, on the actual sports field/oval).

More information will follow in the following weeks, especially regarding providing families an opportunity to view their children, while not hindering the many different sporting activities that have been designated on the oval.

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL VISITORS DAY

There are many people who are close to us and who help us on our life's journey. Our grandparents (and special friends, like Godparents) are certainly amongst our greatest supports, and we want to use this occasion to say "look at what we're doing and thank you" to them!

At St Mary's Memorial School we value the extended family and the place that Grandparents and Special Friends play in the lives of our students. We extend an invitation to Grandparents and Special Friends to attend **THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2022**.

We invite the Grandparents/Special Friends to listen to our School Choir in the Church at **9:45 am** and then view their grandchild/ren's classrooms between **10:10 am** and **10:45 am**; followed by morning tea.

After morning tea – if Grandparents and/or Special Friends are staying for the 12:00 noon Parish Mass held in the Our Lady of Victories Church they are invited to take their grandchild/ren to share Mass together (children can sit with their visitors during the Mass).

We **require parent support on the day**, via the donation of cakes, scones, biscuits, etc for the morning tea (that can be left in the Community Room); as well as, parents to help set up, serve, usher and clean up.

Important considerationas car **parking** around St Mary's Memorial School is not always as easy as it seems, please remind the grandparents and special friends that they need to find a car park that will ensure they are not penalised by the local parking/traffic controllers.

Although it may seem like a considerable walk, parking in the Coles car park may be the best option. The Cowper Street car park (undercroft parking, below the GU Movie Cinema) is another option — 2 hours free parking. In previous years, some of our visitors were greeted with a hefty infringement fine when they returned to their vehicles! Let's try to avoid this!

COVID Requirement — please remind our prospective visitors that if they are unwell, they should not visit our classrooms..... and conversely, they may come into contact with students who may possibly have had or may be coming down with an illness.

LAST TERM MANDATORY REMINDERS —

SCHOOL HOURS & CHILDREN PLAYING AT SCHOOL

School commences at 8:45 am and concludes at 3:10 pm. Teaching staff supervise the playground from 8:30 am in the morning and until 3:20 pm in the afternoon. Children should not be at school before or after these times as there will be no supervision. Students who arrive at school before 8:30 am must be supervised by their parents.

If your child needs to be at school outside of these times due to family or work commitments then they should be enrolled at our Outside School Hours Care Service. Before and after school service can be contacted directly on 0408 714 787 or via text messaging or email
vmessent@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au or
alenz@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au

The only other times that students are permitted on the school grounds outside of these times is when they are here for a school-organised activity such as music practice or sports training.

These matters are important to us and they need to be adhered to for safety and legal liability issues. All parents need to ensure that their children know where they are being collected from and that they do not stay at school to play.

AFTER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

As much as it is wonderful to see students playing with each other after school (that is, after 3:10 pm) in the school playground; and for parents to catch up for a chat; it creates a problem for our school OSHC (Out of Schools Hour Care) program.

While students and parents are in the playground it means that OSHC students have to remain inside until the playground is vacant.

OSHC regulations make it quite clear regarding child supervision; and the presence of other children can make it difficult for the staff to carry out their duties when there are more students in the playground than they are responsible for.

There are certain days when we have to and can restrict OSHC students to be inside, due to sports team training. However, as the number of students now using OSHC has grown considerably, we need to use as much of the playground (which includes the asphalt playground) as possible.

Therefore, it is with regret that I ask families to clear the playground by at least 3:30 pm; unless your child is directly participating in a coaching/training session. This will assist our OSHC program and staff.
Thank you.

FOOD ALLERGIES

St Mary's Memorial School tries very hard to create a **'NUT FREE'** environment. There are a number of students across the various year levels in our school who will suffer an extreme adverse reaction — life threatening in most cases — if they come into contact with any food product containing the slightest trace of nut substance! For that reason we request/encourage parents to avoid sending nut products to school. When classes have 'shared lunches' parents will need to be mindful that the plate of food that is being sent to school is 'nut free'. We appreciate this could be an inconvenience as some children love peanut paste, nutella and other nut based spreads. This inconvenience though is nothing compared to the extreme consequences that may result and we therefore ask for your understanding on this matter.

Incidentally, in a typical classroom of 25 – 29 students, at least one student is likely to be affected by **food allergies**, and for reasons that are not completely understood, the number of children with food allergies is increasing. About 20% of students with food allergies (1 of 5) will have a reaction while at school. A food allergy is an adverse immune system reaction that occurs soon after exposure to a certain food.

As children get older allergen avoidance becomes complex as they desire to fit in with peers and navigate social activities. Therefore, the rest of the school community needs to be vigilant, to ensure that all children still feel part of the social setting, but are not placed in awkward situations whereby they may experience a severe reaction. For that reason, we discourage students sharing food and touching other people's food.

SCHOOL SAFETY

As we begin this new term it's also an ideal opportunity to be reminded about the enormous importance that we must place on safety when vehicles and children are involved.

As safety is of the highest priority at St Mary's Memorial it is important that each and every one of us follows very strict, safe practices around those busy traffic times of the day to ensure the safety of all our children. Safety first is always the best option. **Please do not park along the Milton Street 'kiss and drop' zone with the intention of leaving your vehicle unattended** — that is not how the system works!

A reminder that a teacher supervises the Milton Street area each afternoon until 3:20 pm; therefore, it is not necessary for children to be collected at exactly 3:10 pm. Instead of parents' cars queuing at 2:50 pm to collect children it would ease the traffic congestion if parents staggered their collection time with more cars arriving after 3:10 pm. This would certainly stop that mad rush when cars, students and those walking vie for space, and safety becomes a worrying issue!

In summary, to assist with the smooth flow of traffic and to keep our students' safe, families are asked to

- Always move to the 'top' most position in the 'Kiss and Drop' zone to prevent congestion (especially on the corner of Chapel and Milton Streets) and the necessity for cars to cut into spaces;
- In the afternoon students will be asked to wait on western side of the Milton Street gate (that is, the end furthest away from Chapel Street) to allow vehicles to move past the gate to collect their children;
- Please remain in cars, staff will assist students as neededdo not park and leave your vehicle unattended in the 'Kiss and Drop' zone;
- Students only alight and exit cars on the curb side;
- Please turn left when existing Milton Street onto Jetty Road — right hand turns are not permitted ...check the signage!
- Do not stop on Chapel Street, directly outside the School Office gates to drop off children — this is illegal, dangerous and inconsiderate!
- Staff supervising are responsible for the children's safety, therefore, please do not engage in conversation with them, taking them away from their duty.

Please take positive steps to assist with ensuring safety around our school. If you have asked grandparents or other family members to drop off or collect your children, please share this information with them.

If you have any queries during the course of Term 4, please do not hesitate to ask someone on staff. Class Teachers, School Office staff or even myself — we are more than happy to answer your questions about your child or anything that relates to school life!

Have a great week!
Thank you and God Bless!

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CAN YOU HELP?

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
THIS SATURDAY**

You do not need to be a Registered Volunteer to help out at the St Mary's Memorial School Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser.
If you are available to volunteer some of your time, please contact Genevieve from the P&F on 0416 034 064 or gottenmale@hotmail.com

FROM THE APRIM

Welcome back to Term 4!

As you might know we finished off the term with the Walk A Mile in My Boots event. Thank you so much for your generous donations. We collected lots of snack items and \$378.90. Awesome effort!

We walked a mile, which felt like a lot more to many of our little legs. Arriving at Wigley Reserve made the effort worth it. The children had so much fun running around and playing on all the fun playground equipment. With our limited space at school days like this are appreciated all the more, and it offers an opportunity for the whole school to be together in once place at the same time. A number of classes walked with their buddies which helped not only to build bonds but guide safety as well.



Enjoy the photos of our fun afternoon together and the term to come.

Blessings,

Tamara Smith
APRIM



GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

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**SUNDAY
GOSPEL
QUOTE**



PRAYER

*Dear God,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to
be your hands and feet where we are,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to
love as you love us
At the beginning of this new term teach us to
pray for those in need
So that You are honoured and glorified
We make this prayer in Jesus' name
Amen*



MASSES

Masses can now be celebrated and we warmly invite family and friends to join our year level celebrations. Wearing a face mask is encouraged.

The following is an outline of the Masses for Term 4:

Week 2	Year 6 Mass	Tue 10am
Week 3	Whole School Mass - All Saints Day	Tue 10am
Week 4	Year 5 Mass	Tue 10am
Week 5	Year 4 Mass	Tue 10am
Week 6	Year 3 Mass	Tue 10am
Week 7	Year 1, 2 & Reception Liturgy	Tue 9am
Week 9	Whole School Mass	Wed 9am

Changes to the calendar regarding Masses and their times will need to be made as COVID regulations and advice changes. We need to be flexible as adjustments are made to cater for these needs as well as the needs of our parish and our priests. The newsletter will publish the most current times. Apologies for any inconvenience

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RI	22/10	<i>Sasa Djakovic</i>
1E	19/10	<i>Jayden Jackson</i>
1S	19/10	<i>James Evans</i>
2W	24/10	<i>Grace Zimmermann</i>
3L	21/10	<i>Mia Lundberg</i>
4A	19/10	<i>Charlotte Prettejohn</i>



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to the following children who received a Principal's Award at our last Assembly.

RCH	Eddie Hughes
RG	Harry Smitheram
RI	Sebastian Pope
1E	Ryan Giang
1S	Meg Wells
2H	Patrick Ninnis
2W	Amelia Heffernan
3L	Zoe Farrer
3S	Maya Bury
4A	Poppy Hateley
4R	Leksi Martin
5M	Sienna Osmond
5P	Charlotte Francis
6N	Emily Starkey
6T	Julia Capurro



Important Dates for Term 4

Friday, 28 October
Dance Showcase
9am in the Playground

Thursday, 3 November
Grandparents and Special Friends Day
9:45am

Friday, 4 November
Sports Day
9am-1pm Bowker Street Oval

Monday, 21 November - Thursday 24 November
Year 6 Camp
Normanville

Monday 28 November - Wednesday 30 November
Year 5 Camp
Victor Harbor

Monday, 12 December
Year 6 Graduation Dinner
TBC

Wednesday, 14 December
Year 6 Breakfast
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, 15 December
Term 4 Concludes - Last Day of School
3:10pm

PLEASE NOTE: These dates are subject to change.



Well done to Lachlan Murdoch (3L) for coming 6th in Australia against 40 of Australia's fastest 7-9yr olds on his 50cc motorbike at the Australian Junior National Motocross Championships in Rockhampton.



UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

A reminder that the children will return to school after the holidays in their full summer uniform. If we are still experiencing some cool weather in the first 2 weeks of Term 4, the children may wear their full winter uniform.

It is important to note that children must wear either the complete summer uniform or the complete winter uniform, not a combination.

The wearing of the correct uniform is a requirement of all children attending St Mary's Memorial School and we greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

BACK TO PARINGA



Celebrating 125 years

Sunday 6 November 2022
12.00pm - 4.00pm



Join us in celebrating 125 years of Sacred Heart College and saying farewell to Principal Steve Byrne at our family fun day!

Filled with live entertainment, historical tours of Paringa Hall, food trucks, bars, outdoor games and more!

\$10 TICKETS and receive a 125 Years Commemorative Glass upon entry. Free entry for those 18 years old and under.

Bookings essential via www.trybooking.com/CCVNX

Sacred Heart College, Marcellin Campus 195 Brighton Road, Somerton Park SA 5044

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

Beginner Hockey Program
Ages 5-12, First 3 sessions FREE



8 weeks Oct 17 to Dec 5
Monday 4:30 to 5:30PM

HOOKIN2HOCKEY

Register: <http://www.shc.org.au/>



TERM PLANNER

St Mary's Memorial School

Term 4 – 2022

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1 October	17 School Resumes	18 8:45 Morning Prayer	19 Staff Meeting School Board Meeting 6:30 pm	20 R-6 Dance Lessons	21 School Assembly 9:00 am – Principal	22/23
Week 2 October	24 National Children's Week	25 8:45 Morning Prayer Class Mass 10:00 am Year 6 Classes	26 Staff Meeting	27 R-6 Dance Lessons	28 Dance Showcase – 9:00 am Playground	29/30
Week 3 Oct / Nov	31	1 8:45 Morning Prayer All Saints Feast Day R-6 School Mass 10:00 am	2 All Souls Feast Day Staff Meeting P&F Meeting 7:15 pm	3 Grandparents & Special Friends Day	4 SPORTS DAY 9:00 – 1:30 Bowker Street Oval	5/6
Week 4 November	7	8 8:45 Morning Prayer Class Mass 10:00 am Year 5 Classes	9 No Staff Meetings (Report Writing)	10	11 No School Assembly Term 1 Reception Orientation 9:00–10:30 R-6 Remembrance Day Service	12/13 Adelaide Christmas Pageant
Week 5 November	14 Zoo Snooze – Yr 3 L	15 8:45 Morning Prayer Class Mass 10:00 am Year 4 Classes	16 Staff Meeting School Board Meeting 6:30 pm	17	18 School Assembly 9:00 am – Term 1 Reception Orientation 9:00–10:45 Year 6 Market of Hope	19/20 Christ the King Feast Day
Week 6 November	21 Year 6 Camp 21-24 November	22 8:45 Morning Prayer Class Mass 10:00 am Year 3 Classes	23 Staff Meeting	24	25 No School Assembly 9:00 am - Term 1 Reception Orientation 9:00–10:45 Sacred Heart Transition Day	26/27 First Sunday of Advent
Week 7 Nov / Dec	28 Sabbath Week Year 5 Camp 28-30 November	29 8:45 Morning Prayer Class Liturgy 9:00 am Rec – Year 2	30 Interscholar Athletics Carnival Years 3-6 Staff Meetings	1 2:00 Reception Christmas Sing-a-long	2 School Assembly 9:00 am – Term 1 Reception Orientation 9:00-11:30	3/4 Second Sunday of Advent
Week 8 December	5 Aquatics-Sailing Year 5P	6 8:45 Morning Prayer Aquatics-Sailing Year 5M	7 Aquatics-Sailing Year 6N Staff Meeting P&F Meeting 7:15 pm	8 Aquatics-Sailing Year 6T	9 R-6 Christmas Presentation 9:00 am	10/11 Third Sunday of Advent
Week 9 December	12 2023 Transition Morning Second Semester Report Distribution Year 6 Graduation Dinner	13 8:45 Morning Prayer Year 5 Excursion – Beach House	14 9:00 R-6 End of Year School Mass (Last day for Year 6 Students) Year 6 Breakfast 7:00 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	15 School Assembly 9:00 am - Principal Term 4/School Concludes 3:10 pm	16 Staff Day (Pupil-Free Day)	17/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent